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SUBJ: FISHERIES: ICNAF

FROM USDEL ICNAF

1. ICNAF ANNUAL MEETING CONCLUDED JUNE 15 WITHOUT AGREE-
MENT ON BASIC U. S. PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE CONSERVATION PROBLEMS
AND PROTECT SPECIALIZED U. S. FISHERIES OFF NEW ENGLAND
(ICNAF SUBAREA 5) AND MIDATLANTIC (STATISTICAL SUBAREA 6)
FOR THOSE STOCKS WHICH MIGRATE BETWEEN SA5 AND SAA6.

2. GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED THAT SOME REGULATION NEEDED
BEYOND QUOTA ALLOCATION SYSTEM ON INDIVIDUAL SPECIES, BUT
ALMOST ALL DELS FELT FURTHER WORK REQUIRED BEFORE U. S.
PROPOSAL ON EFFORT LIMITATION COULD BE DEFINED AND IMPLEMENTED.
ALTERNATE SUGGESTION ADVANCED FOR OVERALL CATCH QUOTA, IN ADDITION
TO INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS, WHICH WOULD BE LESS THAN SUM
OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS. U. S. DEL AGREED TO EXPLORE THIS ON
INTERIM BASIS BUT ONLY AS PART OF OVERALL PACKAGE INCLUDING
ELEMENTS SET FORTH IN U. S. MEMORANDUM DISTRIBUTED PRIOR
MEETING. THIS ALSO INCLUDED: (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE VESSELS
TO USE MORE SELECTIVE GEAR (SUCH AS MID- WATER
TRAWLS) IN MIXED FISH AREAS TO MINIMIZE BYCATCHES, (2) BET-
TER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT, AND (3) IMPROVED
RESOURCES ASSESSMENT WORK AND STATISTICAL DATA. HOWEVER,
AGREEMENT FAILED BECAUSE ALMOST ALL DELS WOULD NOT RPT NOT
AGREE ON OVERALL QUOTA WITH SUFFICIENT REDUCTION TO ACHIEVE
U. S. GOAL OF SOME REBUILDING OF RESOURCES. ACCORDINGLY,
U. S. DEL REFUSED AGREE TO INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS FOR SA5 AND SA6
BECAUSE WOULD CONTINUE OVERFISHING SINCE THEY HAD BEEN
DEVELOPED INDIVIDUALLY AND COULD NOT RPT NOT ALONE ADEQUATELY
ADDRESS TOTAL BIOMASS PICTURE AND BYCATCH PROBLEM. THUS
THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO QUOTAS FOR SA5 AND SA6 IN 1974
EXCEPT ZERO QUOTA ON HADDOCK AGREED AND POSSIBLY QUOTAS ON
HERRING
AND MACKEREL SINCE PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL APPROVED WHICH WILL ALLOW
THESE QUOTAS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT SPECIAL MEETING IN JANUARY
1974 FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION IF AGREED UNANIMOUSLY, UNLESS
FURTHER QUOTAS AGREED AT LATER MEETING.

3. ICNAF AGREED TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDY ON U. S. EFFORT
REDUCTION PROPOSAL.
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4. COMMISSION ALSO FAILED APPROVE U. S. PROPOSAL THAT LARGE
VESSELS OVER 200 GROSS TONS USE ONLY PELAGIC FISHING GEAR IN
SHALLOW WATERS GENERALLY WITHIN 40 FATHOMS OFF SOUTHERN NEW
ENGLAND.
USE OF SELECTIVE PELAGIC GEAR IN SUCH MIXED FISH AREAS BY LARGE

DISTANT- WATER VESSELS IN VOLUME FISHERIES FOR SPECIES SUCH AS HAKE AND MACKEREL WOULD REDUCE BYCATCH OF GROUND FISH SPECIES SUPPORTING IMPORTANT U. S. COASTAL FISHERIES. SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT PELAGIC GEAR RESTRICTION, BUT SOVIET AND POLISH DELS REJECTED PROPOSAL AS UNDULY RESTRICTING THEIR CATCHES AND THE OPERATIONS OF THEIR SIDE TRAWLERS NOT ABLE TO USE PELAGIC TRAWLS, AND POLISH DEL ASKED MORE TIME TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL FOR ITS SIDE TRAWLERS UNABLE TO USE PELAGIC GEAR.

5. POLAND AND ROMANIA ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ALL RESERVATIONS LIMITING INSPECTION UNDER ICNAF JOINT ENFORCEMENT SCHEME. SOVIETS STATED THEIR WITHDRAWAL RESERVATION PREVENTING INSPECTIONS OF CATCH ON DECK AND INDICATED WITHDRAWAL REMAINING RESERVATION UNDER STUDY. COMMISSION AGREED RECOMMEND CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT SCHEME TO FACILITATE PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE OF INFRINGEMENTS ICNAF MEASURES. CHANGES RELATE TO BETTER DOCUMENTATION THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC MEANS OF EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF VESSEL RECORDS. WORKING GROUP APPOINTED EXAMINE POSSIBLE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON SCHEME INCLUDING U. S. PROPOSAL REGARDING DETENTION OF VESSELS INVOLVED IN SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS. U. S. DEL APPROVED PROPOSED CHANGED IN INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT SCHEME ON INTERIM BASIS PENDING RESULTS OF WORKING GROUP STUDY. U. S. DEL EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF WITHDRAWAL REMAINING SOVIET RESERVATIONS

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